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Fifty-Ninth Commencement

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The MSSU Bookstore in Billingsly Student Center will be open from 9 A.M. - 1 P.M. for your convenience and a Spirit Store is available near the main entrance of Leggett & Platt Athletic Center.

KGCS and the student broadcast group, the National Broadcasting Society, will produce DVD copies of today's ceremony. Order forms are available on the program tables located at the entrances.

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Fifty-Ninth Commencement

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"Elgar <i>Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble</i>
Invocation	Dr. Delores Honey <i>Assistant Vice President for Assessment and Institutional Research, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Welcome and Introductions.....	Dr. Bruce W. Speck <i>President, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Commencement Speaker Introduction	Mr. Jared M. Bruggeman <i>Director of Athletics, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Commencement Speaker	Mr. Rod Smith
Presentation of Class	Dr. Pat Lipira <i>Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	Dr. Bruce W. Speck
Master's Hooding.....	Dr. Greg Haddock <i>Acting Dean of the Melvin D. and Valorie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies, Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School</i>
	Dr. John Groesbeck <i>Dean and Kuhn Chair, Robert W. Plaster School of Business, Missouri Southern State University</i>
	Dr. Al Cade <i>Interim Dean, School of Education</i>
	Dr. Andrew W. Fulkerson <i>Coordinator Cooperative Graduate Education in Criminal Justice, Southeast Missouri State University</i>
	Dr. Thad Wilson <i>Senior Associate Dean, University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Nursing</i>
	Dr. Susan J. Kimble <i>Clinical Associate Professor, MSN and DNP Program Director, University of Missouri-Kansas City, School of Nursing</i>
	Dr. Tia Strait <i>Dean, School of Health Sciences, Public Safety and Technology, Missouri Southern State University</i>
<u>Presentation of Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees</u>	
Conferring of Bachelor and Associate Degrees	Dr. Bruce W. Speck
Presentation of Diplomas	
Introduction of Degree Candidates	Mr. Jeff Skibbe <i>General Manager, 88.7KXMS/Fine Arts Radio International, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Congratulatory Remarks	Dr. Linda Hand <i>President, Faculty Senate, Missouri Southern State University</i>
Announcement of Academic Honors	Dr. Pat Lipira
Turning of the Tassel.....	Mr. Mark Lloyd, '99 <i>President, Missouri Southern Alumni Association Board of Directors</i>
MSSU Alma Mater (See page 16)	Ms. Mallory Hoskins <i>Senior, Bachelor of Science in Education-Secondary Education - Vocal Music K-12, Joplin</i>
	Ms. Chelsea LaNore <i>Senior, Bachelor of Science in Education-Secondary Education -Vocal Music K-12, Purdy</i>
Benediction	Dr. Delores Honey
Recessional "Sine Nomine"	R.V. Williams & E. Rosenberg <i>Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble</i>
Sign Language Interpreter	Mrs. Mary Zustiak
<i>Please remain standing until recessional is completed. • Please turn off all beepers/cell phones</i>	

About Our Speaker

Mr. Rod Smith, our commencement speaker, graduated from Missouri Southern with many awards. An All-American in football as well as an All-American in the classroom, he earned degrees in Business Administration, Economics and Finance, and Marketing and Management. His accomplishments in the classroom led him to become the recipient of the Missouri Southern State University Outstanding Graduate Award in 1994.



Rod Smith

A native of Texarkana, Ark., Smith enjoyed a stellar playing career at Southern, where he set MIAA records in career-receiving yards (3,122) and touchdowns (35). He also still holds school records for catches in a game (13), receiving yards in a game (254), receiving yards in a season (1,439), highest average gain per reception in a season (24.0), touchdown receptions in a season (15) and longest pass reception (98 yards). He finished his career with 158 receptions for 3,122 yards and 35 touchdowns, which is now third all-time in Division II.

Smith was an All-American in 1991, and helped the Lions to their last MIAA title and NCAA post-season appearance when the team went 9-1-1 in 1993. That season, he was named first-team All-American by the Associated Press, Kodak, Football Gazette and NCAA Division II sports information directors. Also in 1993, Smith caught 63 passes for 986 yards and 13 touchdowns, and was a finalist for the Harlon Hill Award, given annually to the top football player in Division II.

Smith entered the NFL with the Denver Broncos as a college free agent on May 3, 1994. He holds Broncos' franchise records for career receptions (849), receiving yards (11,389), touchdown catches (68) and overall touchdowns (71). He leads all undrafted players in NFL history in every major career receiving category.

Smith ranks 11th in the NFL in career receptions, 17th in career receiving yards, and tied for 30th in career receiving touchdowns. In 2005, he became one of 25 players in NFL history to reach 10,000 career yards, a feat he accomplished on Monday Night Football vs. Kansas City (9/26/05). Smith is the first player from the MIAA to score a touchdown in the Super Bowl, and the first to play for two Super Bowl champions (Super Bowl XXXII and XXXIII).

He posted eight career 1,000 yard seasons, including six straight from 1997-2002. He is also one of just six players to have back-to-back seasons with 100 receptions. He was named to the Pro Bowl in 2000, 2001, and 2004. He retired from the NFL in 2008.

Smith was inducted into the Missouri Southern Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003 and is the only football player in Southern history to have his number (9) retired. He has also been inducted into the Division II Football Hall of Fame, as well as the Arkansas, Missouri, and Colorado Sports Halls of Fame.

In September of this year, Smith became the 23rd member of the Denver Broncos Ring of Fame. He was joined at Sports Authority Field by members of his family, many teammates from the 1997 and 1998 seasons and several other Ring of Fame members.

"It's all about every person who has supported me throughout my life," he has said.

Rod is an Independent Distributor for Organo Gold, reaching the rank of Diamond. He has three children, Vanessa, Roderick and Devin.

Cooperative Graduate Programs

Missouri Southern State University/Northwest Missouri State University

Master of Business Administration

Cullers, Christina Louise
Business Administration
Anderson

Tilton, Sarah Angeline
Business Administration
Carthage

Woodmansee, Teddy J.
Business Administration
Webb City

Missouri Southern State University/Southeast Missouri State University

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

Carriger, Christopher Morris
Criminal Justice
Purcell

Farner, Scott Hilliard
Criminal Justice
Marion, IL

O'Haver, Tami Jo ‡
Criminal Justice
Kirkville

Schooler, Jamie Lorene
Criminal Justice
Neosho

Comer, Roilynn
Criminal Justice
Jasper

Green, Carrie Ann
Criminal Justice
Battlefield

Prater, Jared Tucker
Criminal Justice
Webb City

Simpson, Cierra Vonnie ‡
Criminal Justice
Cape Girardeau

Missouri Southern State University/University of Missouri-Kansas City

Master of Science in Nursing

Bodine, Elizabeth Ann ‡
Nursing
Springfield

Johnson, Rosanne Marie ‡
Nursing
Aurora

Lucas, Carrie Lawson
Nursing
Republic

Voorhis, Stephanie Kirsten ‡
Nursing
Springfield

Carnagey, Susan Louise
Nursing
Neosho

Joplin, Tisha Kathleen ‡
Nursing
Springfield

Molina-Carranza, Gwendolyn D.
Nursing
Springfield

Yearta-Brown, Leslie Ellen ‡
Nursing
Ozark

Christy, Jennifer Lee
Nursing
Republic

Laurin, Nicole Viola Gayle ‡
Nursing
Springfield

Sapp, Megan Nicole ‡
Nursing
Springfield

Darnell, Pamela Leigh ‡
Nursing
Joplin

Lim, Cherrie Lynn
Nursing
Springfield

Seiner, Danielle Marie ‡
Nursing
Fair Grove

Giebler, Cassidy Nichole ‡
Nursing
Springfield

Loftis, Mary Anne
Nursing
Mt. Vernon

Smith, Jennifer Marie ‡
Nursing
Joplin

Missouri Southern State University/University of Missouri-Kansas City

Master of Science in Dental Hygiene

Corum, Kathrine Anne ‡
Dental Hygiene
Joplin

Candidates for Honors & Degrees

Baccalaureate Degrees

Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Blumenthal, Karen Denise ‡
Buckland, Audrey J. ‡ †
Carpenter, Amelia K.

Crosswhite, Shannon Alicia
Epperson, Kristen Michelle †
Kennedy, Jackie M.

Leonard, Emily Drew
Moore, Jeffrey A. ‡ †
Russell, Randi Joy

Magna Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Achey, Brandi L.
Amayo, Morgan Yvonne
Colvard, Meghan Marie
Gayman, Christanne Colleen

Knox, Ashley Joanna
Leiser, Ronald L.
Martin, Tashel †
Oechsle, Ashley Nicole

Rimmer, Tabitha R.
Welch, Carly Ann
Westwood, Kristine

Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Back, Matthew Alan
Boyd, Jared Trent
Burgess, Tyler James
Donaldson, Diana Sue

Forsythe, Frank Allen
Gerber, Harrison D.
Gilmartin, Valerie Ann
Hall, James Earl Martin

Havens, Paula Michelle
Mitchell, John Ross
Ramoly, Catherine A.
Ray, Katherine A.

Ray, Leah Jean
Stanley, Paula J.
Yorozu, Megumi

Associate Degrees

Third Honors • Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Burgess, Tyler James
Forsythe, Frank Allen
Havens, Paula Michelle
Ramoly, Catherine A.

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Barbosa, Whitney Kay

International Studies
Carthage

Carlos Garcia, Andres Norman

Spanish
Joplin

Carpenter, Amelia K.

English-Professional/Technical
Writing
Cartersville

Clemons, Vicente E.

English-Literary Studies, History
Joplin

Cohenour, Lauren Del

English-Professional/Technical
Writing
Aurora, CO

Cooper, Robert Neil

History
Eagle Rock

Crosswhite, Shannon Alicia

English-Literary Studies
Neosho

Ellefsen, Sandra Kay

History
Carthage

Gipson, Larrita Renee

Communication-Public Relations
Chicago, IL

Gwin-Martinez, Syleris Aleska

Spanish
Webb City

Harger, Nicole A.

English-General Writing
Joplin

Harrison, Benjamin Dayc'

English-General Writing
Lamar

Havely, David Matthew

German, Music
Joplin

Hernandez, Christian A.

Spanish
Webb City

Janssen, Nathan Ray

Communication-Mass
Webb City

Jensen, Kelsey A.

International Studies
Kansas City

Kirkland, Belinda

Sociology
Webb City

Langford, Addison Stephen

Communication-Mass
Joplin

Mills, Nathan

Communication-Mass
Joplin

Pirtle, Aaron Charles

International Studies
Webb City

Smith, Jessica Lynne

English
Nixa

Sparlin, Kendra Denise

Music
Joplin

Waack, Denise A.

English-Literary Studies
Joplin

Yorozu, Megumi

Communication-Public Relations
Owariasahi, Fichi, Japan

Bachelor of Science

Adams, Ryan Lee

Sociology
Fayetteville, AR

Amayo, Morgan Yvonne

Biology
Joplin

Arambula, Sheryl Elizabeth

Biology
Joplin

Back, Matthew Alan

Biology
Webb City

Balkhi, Shakila Lynn

Environmental Health
Simi Valley, CA

Baugh, Shelby N.

Biology
Carthage

Box, Kristen D.

Biology
Webb City

Buckland, Audrey J. ‡ †

Biochemistry
Webb City

Chenoweth, Morgan Nicole

Biology
Seneca

Coale, Justin S.

Communication-Mass
Ash Grove

Colvard, Meghan Marie

Biology
Joplin

Cook, Breanna M'Ile

Biology
Granby

Cox, Jamie Nicole

Sociology
Jasper

Culbertson, Alisha B.

Communication-Mass
Joplin

Culbertson, Kathryn Brooke

Biology
Grove, OK

Curry, Paige Nicole

Biology
Joplin

Davis, Kayla R.

Biology
Lebanon

Day, Robert E.

Biochemistry
Joplin

Donaldson, Diana Sue

Sociology
Pierce City

Glades, Kwinna Marie

Communication-Public Relations
Joplin

Gwin-Martinez, Syleris Alaska

Biology
Webb City

Hale, Helen Jean

Biology
Goodman

Heath, Gabriela D.

Communication-Public Relations
Golden City

Howard, Alana Noelle

Biology
Anderson

Howard, Sonya Yvonne

Sociology
Wyandotte, OK

Hristova, Aneliya

Biology
Webb City

Janson, Kayla Noelle

Mathematics
Powell

Jordan, Nathan Charles

Computational Math
Joplin

Kane, Alicia Jordan

Chemistry
Joplin

Keeler, George Robert

Biology
Joplin

Kline, Kaisha Kalee

Biology
Goodman

LaCurtis, Michael A.

Sociology
Normandy

Lamar, Alan M.

Computational Math
Joplin

Linebarger, Ashley B.

Communication-Public Relations
Purdy

Markovich, Gabrielle Marie

Communication-Public Relations
Neosho

McCool, Jessica Lynn

Biology
Anderson

Morris, Brandon Lee

Biology
Oronogo

Morrison, Meagan Renee

Communication-Public Relations
Rogers, AR

Murphy, Kristen Anne

Communication-Public Relations
Webb City

Nelson, Brett

Mathematics
Eldon

Nixon, Devon M.

Political Science
Lebanon

Oechsle, Fabian Alexander

Biology
Granby

Pachhofer, Amanda Nichole

Communication-Public Relations
Granby

Padilla, Adam Benjamin

Communication-Mass
Neosho

Patel, Karan Paresh

Chemistry
Joplin

Reed, Jacob Thomas

Biology
Joplin

Remmers, Justin J.

Biology
Hastings, NE

Skei, Elin M.

Communication-Mass
Springfield

Smith, Aaryn Brock

Biology
Joplin

Sprinkle, Robert W.

Environmental Health
Miami, OK

Spruce, Teresa M.

Environmental Health
Carthage

Stanley, Nathan S.

Communication-Mass
Joplin

Stephens, Summer B.

Biology
Seligman

Verstraete, John William

Political Science
Monett

White, Calen Joshua

Communication-Public Relations
Joplin

Winfrey, Michelle Anne Marie

Communication-Public Relations
Joplin

Woodruff, Michael Caleb

Communication-Mass
Webb City

Robert W. Plaster School of Business

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Achey, Brandi L.

Accounting
Carl Junction

Aldridge, William Wales

Management
Joplin

Allen, Carrie J.

Accounting
Webb City

Baker, Jessica Leigh

Management
Joplin

Barge, Christopher C.

General Business
Joplin

Bernhardt, Daniel D.

Marketing
Diamond

Booth, Gayla DaLynn

International Business, Marketing
Anderson

Bosworth, Grant E.

General Business
Joplin

Boyd, Jared Trent

Accounting
Joplin

Brown, Heath Michael

Accounting
Joplin

Bryant, Alisha R.

Certified Global Business Professional
Carl Junction

Bujarski, Kevin G.

Finance/Economics-
Personal Financial Planning
Joplin

Churchwell, Cejay N.

Management
Joplin

Cossou, Angela L.

Management-Human Resource
Goodman

Crawford, Erin Beth

Accounting
Joplin

Crosthwait, Danielle Elizabeth

General Business
Joplin

Culver, Meghan L.

Management-Human Resource
Raymore

Drum, Regina L.

General Business
Joplin

Durham, Jerod Kyle

Marketing
Joplin

Ellis, Joel Andrew

Management- Human Resource
Pineville

Epperson, Kristen Michelle †

Accounting, Management
Reeds

Ferguson, Jessie

Accounting
Joplin

Fields, Corey Ralph

Accounting
Springfield

Flood, Joshua Garrett

Accounting
Clever

Freeman, Toni Diane

Accounting
Stark City

Gardner, Ashley Dawn Scruggs

Management
Jay, OK

Gerber, Harrison D.

Marketing, Management
Lenox, IA

Germiniani, Leandro

Gomes Pereira
International Business, Marketing
Joplin

Gilmartin, Valerie Ann

Accounting
Aurora

Haag, Sam Curtis

Accounting
Carl Junction

Hall, David J.

Management
Butler

Harris, Rowdy T.

Management
Seneca

Head, Jr., Daniel R.

Marketing
Monett

Heyer, Susanna Edith

Accounting
Seneca

Hutson, Jeremy Dewayne

General Business
Miami, OK

Jennings, Leann M.

Finance/Economics-
Financial Concentration
Joplin

Jessip, Brandon Lyle

International Business
Neosho

Kabala, Tammy Jo

Management, Management-
Human Resources
Webb City

Kennedy, Jackie M.

Management
Joplin

Laver, Tammy Lynn
General Business
Joplin

Lou, Zizheng
Accounting
Joplin

Madsen, Abbigail E.
Accounting
Neosho

Mareth, Ivan Robert
Marketing
Joplin

Martin, Amanda Dawn
Accounting
Joplin

Martin, Tashel †
Finance/Economics-
Financial Concentration
Tortola, BVI

Mayes, Melissa K.
Management, Management-
Human Resources
Pierce City

McBee, Abby Shantel
Management, Marketing
Webb City

McDaniel, Brenda K.
Management
Carthage

Midence, Tara Jaimie
Marketing
Joplin

Moore, Jeffrey A. ‡ †
Accounting
Carl Junction

Murphy, Samantha Janet
Accounting
Joplin

Olds, Cindy Gayle
Accounting
Joplin

Pelep, Stacy Sohl
Accounting
Palikir, FSM, Pohnpei

Quiroga, Vanessa A. *
Management, Finance/Economics-
Chartered Financial Analyst
Joplin

Ray, Leah Jean
Accounting
Miami, OK

Rea, Kimberly Ann
Marketing
Duenweg

Richardson, Debbie Lynn
Management
Carl Junction

Rimmer, Tabitha R.
Accounting
Rolla

Robertson, Addi RYanne
Marketing
Webb City

Robinson, Kendra DeAnn
Accounting
Joplin

Secrist, Morgan E.
Accounting
Joplin

Shellenbarger, Kylie Ann
International Business
Joplin

Simon, Logan Joseph
Management
Joplin

Smith, Deborah A.
Accounting
Seneca

Stanley, Paula J.
Accounting
Webb City

Stark, Craig Alden
Accounting
Carthage

Stueve, Megan E.
Marketing
Lee's Summit

Vengels, Lisa A.
Accounting, Mangement
Neosho

Wright, Daniel M.
Management, Marketing
Miami, OK

You, Yang
Accounting
Joplin

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Vest, Megan R.

Psychology

Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Boyd, Kayla Beth

Psychology

Webb City

Haubein, Chelsea B.

Psychology

Lamar

Ousley, Grant S.

Psychology

Joplin

Steinbach, Stacie Renee

Psychology

Joplin

Cupp, Tammy L.

Psychology

Carl Junction

Laurance, Jessica R.

Psychology

Carl Junction

Pero, Carla D.

Psychology

Neosho

Yang, Tia

Psychology

Neosho

McDannald, Lacey C.

Psychology

Walker

Putt, Daniel J.

Health Promotion and Wellness

Webb City

Bachelor of Science in Education

Adcock, Sara Tobi Marie

Secondary Education-

English

Joplin

Bevis, Samantha J.

Elementary Education

Neosho

Byrns, Karen R.

Elementary Education

Libby, MT

Fischer, Sarah J.

Secondary Education-English

Bentonville, AR

Balls, Michelle A.

Elementary Education

Neosho

Botts, Ashton C.

Middle School Education-Math

Mt. Vernon

Cavness, Joe B.

Secondary Education-Physical
Education

Cassville

Foster, Elizabeth Marie

Elementary Education

Neosho

Barksdale, Brenna K.

Secondary Education-

Social Studies, Political Science

Carthage

Bowers, Melanie Renee

Secondary Education-

Physical Education

Anderson

Clopton, Justina Joann

Middle School Education-

Math, Social Studies

Cartersville

Green, Nicole Cassidy

Elementary Education

Carthage

Beach, Shelby Nicole

Elementary Education

Brighton

Boyd, Geriann Marie

Elementary Education

Lamar

Ficken, Anthony James

Secondary Education-

Social Science, Sociology

Joplin

Hauck, Sarah M.

Elementary Education

Bradleyville

Benkert, Allyson Elizabeth

Elementary Education

St. Clair

Brinks, Kate Marie

Elementary Education

Crane

Ficken, Samantha D.

Elementary Education

Joplin

Hoffman, Amber Renea

Middle School Education-

Mathematics

Joplin

Bennett, Jed Guy

Secondary Education- Art

Jasper

Brooks, Corey Dean

Middle School Education-

Social Studies

Joplin

Hoskins, Mallory Elizabeth

Secondary Education-Vocal

Joplin

Howard, Morgan Renee

Elementary Education
Carl Junction

Johnson, Audrey Leigh

Elementary Education
Webb City

Johnson, Heather Lynne

Secondary Education-English
Joplin

Landburg, Jennifer Nicole

Elementary Education
Carthage

LaNore, Chelsea Marie

Secondary Education-Vocal
Purdy

Leiser, Ronald L.

Middle School Education-Math
Joplin

Meeks, Ashley Kaleen

Middle School Education-
Social Studies
Joplin

Miller, Katlyn Alyse

Secondary Education-
Physical Education
Blue Springs

Mitchell, John Ross

Elementary Education
Aurora

Moore, Jada Renae

Elementary Education
Neosho

Nicodemus, Kathryn Ann

Elementary Education
Joplin

Roberts, Elizabeth Renee

Elementary Education
Carthage

Russell, Randi Joy

Elementary Education
Duenweg

Senseney, Heather Dawn

Secondary Education-English
Exeter

Shockey, Zachary Thomas Randy

Secondary Education-
Social Science, History
Neosho

Simon, Logan Joseph

Secondary Education-Business
Joplin

Tatterfield, Heather Christina

Elementary Education
Joplin

Toscano, Jordan Elizabeth

Elementary Education
Webb City

Trevarrow, Barbra Jean

Elementary Education
Joplin

Waldo, Melissa JoAnn

Elementary Education
Joplin

Welch, Carly Ann

Elementary Education
Joplin

Weldy, Jr., Ronald Loyd

Middle School Education-
Mathematics
Mt. Vernon

Westwood, Kristine

Secondary Education-Art
Webb City

Wisner, Kalee Ann

Elementary Education
Osceola

Woodward, Jacob R.

Secondary Education-
Physical Education
Seneca

Woodward, Jason Daniel

Secondary Education-
Social Science, History
Neosho

Bachelor of General Studies

Adams, Keith J.

General Studies
Joplin

Anderson, Roger Lee

General Studies
Joplin

Barrios, Rito A.

General Studies
Carthage

Bean, Jessica Lynn

General Studies
Houston, TX

Blevins, Jennifer Dianne

General Studies
Anderson

Blumenthal, Karen Denise ‡

General Studies
Saginaw

Burgess, Kelly Elaine

General Studies
Joplin

Carter, Caitlin D.

General Studies
Diamond

Carter, Jonathan

General Studies
Dallas, TX

Conrad, Grant Michael

General Studies
Lafayette, LA

Conroy, Shaun James

General Studies
Joplin

Creed, Melissa Ann

General Studies
Pierce City

Garrison, Amanda C.

General Studies
Joplin

Gayman, Christanne Colleen

General Studies
Schell City

Gilbreth, Christian Douglas

General Studies
Joplin

Grover, Cassy Renee

General Studies
Webb City

Guinn, Laura Ruth

General Studies
Joplin

Haag, Hannah M.

General Studies
Lamar

Jones, Jerimiah Edward

General Studies
Nevada

Kline, Lester

General Studies
Joplin

Knox, Ashley Joanna

General Studies
Joplin

Looney, Rosemarie Ann

General Studies
Joplin

Manning, Janean K.

General Studies
Miami, OK

Martin, Rachel Noel

General Studies
Webb City

Matkin, Bradley Lewis

General Studies
Fort Scott, KS

Morris, Austin Reed

General Studies
Joplin

Neff, John Arthur

General Studies
Festus

Oechsle, Ashley Nicole

General Studies
Granby

Pennington, Andrew Franklin

General Studies
Carthage

Phillips, Chelsea Elizabeth

General Studies
Cartersville

Pope, Cory Kendall *

General Studies
Aiken, SC

Powers, Crystal V.

General Studies
Joplin

Seaman, Gwendolyn Sue

General Studies
Webb City

Testman, April Marie

General Studies
Kansas City

Wildschuetz, Gary S.

General Studies
Springfield

School of Health Sciences, Public Safety, and Technology

Bachelor of Science

Achey, Brandi L.

Health Science
Carl Junction

Anderson, Zac

Criminal Justice Administration
Webb City

Aubert, Jared J.

Criminal Justice Administration
Joplin

Barron, Jesus Ballard

Criminal Justice Administration
Fayetteville, AR

Bevis, Chris

Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Blair, Jimmy Don

Health Science
Springdale, AR

Brown, James Jared

Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Brundridge, Amber Nicole

Health Science
Nevada

Burgess, Tyler James

CIS-Information Systems
Joplin

Busch, Danielle Benita

Health Science
Joplin

Bush, Melissa JoAnna

Health Science
Joplin

Capps, Mark A.

Industrial Engineering Technology
Carthage

Carmack, Julie Ann

Criminal Justice Administration
Overland Park, KS

Caulk, Joey Allen

Criminal Justice Administration
Neosho

Choate, Preston Taylor

CIS-Information Technology
Webb City

Crain, Hannah M.

Criminal Justice Administration
Morrisville

Daugherty, John Allen

Industrial Engineering Technology
Grove, OK

Deao, Patrick Eugene

Criminal Justice Administration
Omaha, NE

Eutsler, Chad Ellis

Criminal Justice Administration
Bois D'Arc

Forste, Sarah Nicole

Health Science
Oronogo

Forsythe, Frank Allen

Criminal Justice Administration
Goodman

Frink, Robin Jane

Criminal Justice Administration
Carthage

Greenlee, Ashley A.

Health Science
Jasper

Griebing, Cody W.

Criminal Justice Administration
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Points of Pride

Quality faculty and academic programs...

Some MSSU programs require licensure or certification tests in their major fields before diplomas are granted. MSSU students have consistently scored high on these tests, and results from these national tests demonstrate that our students are prepared to enter their chosen careers well prepared to perform at high levels. Some examples of outstanding program achievements are:

- **Radiologic Technology:**
American Registry of Radiologic Technologists
Certification Exam passing rate – 100%.
- **Respiratory Therapy:**
National Board for Respiratory Care – Certified
Respiratory Therapist passing rate – 100%.
- **Engineering Technology:**
National Occupation Competency Testing Institute
(NOCTI) - Pre-Engineering Tech passing rate – 100%.
- **Biology:**
Acceptance Rate to PhD and Master's Programs – 100%
Acceptance Rate to Chiropractic School and Optometry
School – 100%
- **Environmental Health:**
Missouri Environmental Health Specialist Exam passing
rate – 100%.
- **Dental Hygiene:**
National Board Dental Hygiene Examination passing
rate – 100%.
- **Nursing:**
National Council Licensure Exam-Registered Nurse
(NCLEX-RN) – 100% passage rate
- **Law Enforcement Academy**
Missouri POST Certification Exam – 100% passage rate

Outstanding athletic programs

159 MIAA Academic Honor Roll Members
14 MIAA Academic All-MIAA Members
13 MIAA Presidential Scholar Winners
62 All-MIAA Athletes
26 All-Region Athletes
10 All-Americans
19 Academic All-Americans
MIAA Men's Basketball Player of the Year
NCAA Division II Regional Men's Basketball Player of the Year
Seven programs ranked nationally at one point in the year
Men's Basketball Division II Regional Participants
Women's Cross Country Individual National Qualifier
Four Indoor Track and Field National Qualifiers
Back-to-Back Sonic Trophy Series Champions

Highly committed to our communities...

Rebuilding Joplin after the catastrophic EF-5 tornado on May 22, 2011 means keeping high school graduates in the city to provide the future leadership needed to bring the city back better and stronger. To accomplish that goal, MSSU is offering scholarships to student were sophomores, juniors and seniors as of May 20, 2011 at four Joplin high schools: Joplin High School, McAuley High School, College Heights Christian School and Thomas Jefferson Independent Day School.

These students represent the high school graduating classes of 2011, 2012 and 2013. Scholarships will be for \$1,000 each for the first academic year after the students graduate from high school. The scholarships represent approximately 25 percent of the current annual cost for a full-time student at MSSU.

Missouri Southern also is offering full-tuition scholarships to the 25 children of the families involved in the Tulsa and Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity's "Ten for Joplin" project.

MSSU to offer Four-year Degree in Neosho

Neosho-area students pursuing their four-year degree in management will soon have a more streamlined process, due to a new partnership between Missouri Southern State University and Crowder College.

The two schools signed an articulation agreement enabling MSSU to offer upper-division courses in business administration with an emphasis in management at Crowder College, making it possible for Crowder students to finish their bachelor's degrees through MSSU on the Crowder campus. MSSU will have a satellite office on Crowder's campus with a dedicated admissions counselor working to help students with the transition.

"Forming a partnership like this is an important and necessary step to help these students achieve their dreams of completing a four-year degree," said MSSU President Bruce Speck. "We know that in some cases, students have the desire to finish their degree but not the ability to travel. This agreement makes it possible for both schools to help students meet their goals."

Senior receives two scholarships

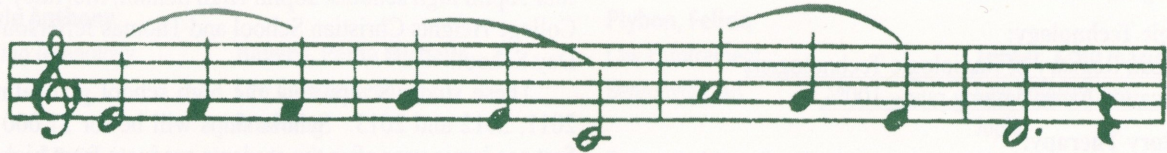
Natascha Lord, a senior German and International Business major from Waynesville, Mo., has received a \$4,000 award from the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program.

Lord, who is also a member of the women's soccer team at MSSU, will be spending the spring semester at Katholische Universität Eichstätt – Ingolstadt in Germany through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). She has also received a \$500 New York Charitable Trust-Annette Kade Scholarship in recognition of her academic and personal merit.

ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird,
Class of '39

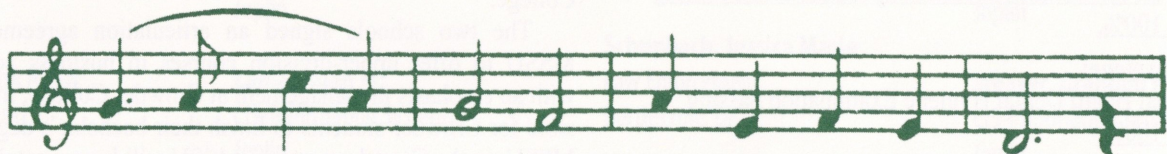
Music by Emerson Jackson,
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Our Al - ma Ma - ter, we ho - nor thee,



shap - ing and guid - ing our de - sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.



Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire

As early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in MSSU ceremonies are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown:	Fine Arts	Pink:	Music
Crimson:	Journalism	Purple:	Law
Dark Blue:	Philosophy	Sage Green:	Physical Education
Golden Yellow:	Science	Scarlet:	Theology
Lemon Yellow:	Library Science	White:	Arts, Letters, Humanities
Light Blue:	Education	Yellow Brown:	Commerce, Business, Accountancy



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